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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/782,193	<b>Applicant(s)</b> HWANG ET AL.	
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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 October 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6-15 and 20-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-15, and 20-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **Response to argument**

The amendment filed on 10-27-2008 has been entered and considered.

Claims 6-15 and 20-25 are pending in this application.

Claims 6-15 and 20-25 remain rejected as discussed below.

### ***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 6-15 and 20-25 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection, see below.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101***

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claim(s) 11-15 and 20-25 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as not falling within one of the four statutory categories of invention. While the claims recite a series of steps or acts to be performed, a statutory "process" under 35 U.S.C. 101 must (1) be tied to another statutory category (such as a particular apparatus), or (2) transform underlying subject matter (such as an article or material) to a different state or thing. The instant claims neither transform underlying subject matter nor positively tie to another statutory category that accomplishes the claimed method steps, and therefore do not qualify as a statutory process. The claims do not qualify as statutory process because they are directed to an abstract idea and recite purely mental steps.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 6, 7, 9-12, 14, 15, 20-22, 24 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ketcham (US 6,721,334).

Regarding claims 6, 11 and 20. Ketcham discloses an apparatus for generating an aggregation packet in a communication system (see figs 3 and 4, and col.2, lines 46-55). the apparatus comprises: a buffer manager for storing a plurality of data packets (fig.3 and 4. routers 308-312); and an aggregation module for receiving the plurality of data packets from the buffer manager and aggregating at least two data packets having a same destination address among the plurality of received data packets to form a single aggregated packet (see figs 3 and 4, and col.2, lines 46-55. Routers 308 receives packets and aggregates them as long as they have the same destination), wherein a header of each of the at least two data packets includes length information and a destination address (see figs 3 and 4, and col.2, lines 46-55 and col.2 line 60- col.3, line 6, see col.7, lines 43-52. The system uses IP packet which must have a header length and destination address sections within), and a header of the aggregated packet includes a destination address which is identical to the destination address included in

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the header of the at least two data packets (see figs 3 and 4, and col.2, lines 46-55, the aggregated packet includes the same destination as of the combined packets because the system requires that the combined packets must have the same address).

Regarding claims 7, 12 and 22. Ketcham discloses that the at least data packets have identical quality of service information (the aggregated packets are aggregated based on the destination address factor, which is considered as a QOS parameter).

Regarding claim 21. Ketcham discloses a method wherein receiving the plurality of packets includes receiving quality of service information associated with the packets (see figs 3 and 4, and col.2, lines 46-55 and col.2 line 60- col.3, line 6, see col.7, lines 43-52).

Regarding claims 9, 10, 14, 15 and 24-25. Ketcham discloses a method wherein the header of the aggregation packet further includes the length information of each of the at least two packets (see col.3 lines 1-5).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 8, 13 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ketcham in View of the APA (admitted prior art) of the current application.

Regarding claims 8, 13 and 23. Ketcham discloses all the limitations of the claimed invention with the exception that the aggregated packet includes a data section

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corresponding to each of the at least two data packets. However, APA discloses the possibility of including a data section that corresponds to each of the data packets in the aggregated packet (Fig.2). Thus, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include a section of each data packet within the aggregated packet, as taught by APA, of Ketcham for the purpose of organizing the aggregated packet and using the communication bandwidth efficiently.

### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892.

Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner.

In the case of amending the claimed invention, Applicant is respectfully requested to indicate the portion(s) of the specification which dictate(s) the structure relied on for proper interpretation and also to verify and ascertain the metes and bounds of the claimed invention.

When responding to this office action, applicants are advised to clearly point out the patentable novelty which they think the claims present in view of the state of the art

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disclosed by the references cited or the objections made. Applicants must also show how the amendments avoid such references or objections. See 37C.F.R 1.111(c). In addition, applicants are advised to provide the examiner with the line numbers and pages numbers in the application and/or references cited to assist examiner in locating the appropriate paragraphs.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MOUNIR MOUTAOUAKIL whose telephone number is (571)270-1416. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (1pm-4:30pm) Eastern Time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou can be reached on 571-272-3088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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